

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 7, 2013**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, February 7, 2013, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Robert Stein at 1:02 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Colin Tait  
Vice Chairman  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Esty)

PURA Chairman Arthur House  
Edward S. Wilensky  
Barbara Currier Bell  
James J. Murphy  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

**Council Members Absent:**

Philip T. Ashton

**Staff Members Present:**

Linda Roberts  
Executive Director  
Melanie Bachman  
Staff Attorney  
Fred Cunliffe  
Siting Analyst Supervisor  
Christina Walsh  
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst  
David Martin  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of January 24, 2013.**

Mr. Wilensky moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2013, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**DOCKET NO. 370 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Connecticut portion of the Greater Springfield Reliability Project that traverses the municipalities of Bloomfield, East Granby, and Suffield, terminating at the North Bloomfield Substation. Development and Management Plan Change.**

Mr. Tait moved to approve the change to the Development & Management Plan, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 428 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, or 126 Transylvania Road, Roxbury, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.**

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Stein conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Tait, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Bell, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilensky, and Chairman Stein in favor of issuing a certificate for the proposed Candidate Site A facility located at Roxbury Tax Assessor Parcel ID #32-008 off of Route 67, Roxbury, Connecticut, and Mr. Hannon and PURA Chairman House abstaining.

Chairman Stein directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**DOCKET NO. 429 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at one of two sites: Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M23-P62 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, Connecticut; or Willington Tax Assessor Parcel ID #M18-19 Old South Willington Road, Willington, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon and PURA Chairman House abstaining.

**DOCKET NO. 434 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a relocated telecommunications facility at 139 North Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status. Motion for Protective Order.**

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the application as complete, approve the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of West Hartford, a public field review and hearing in West Hartford on April 25, 2013; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved to grant the Motion for Protective Order, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 983 - BNE Energy, Inc. declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 4.8 MW Wind Renewable Generating facility located on Flagg Hill Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Revised Development and Management Plan.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve the revisions to the Development and Management Plan with the following conditions:

- Erosion and sedimentation controls shall be removed prior to the spring migration of reptiles and amphibians as deemed appropriate by Dr. Klemens.
- A copy of the site plans and Stormwater Management Plan with Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan stamped by a Professional Engineering duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted within 60 days.
- A revision to the Wetland and Wildlife Restoration Plan submitted under condition 2(h) of the Decision and Order dated June 2, 2011 shall be submitted within 60 days.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Lynch and Mr. Tait abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 1057 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Northeast Simsbury Substation and replacement of structures in Simsbury and Bloomfield; and re-conductoring of a 115-kV transmission line from Northeast Simsbury Substation (Simsbury, Connecticut) to the North Bloomfield Substation, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the condition that CL&P submit a grading and landscaping plan for the Northeast Simsbury Substation for Council review and approval, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

**TS-CL&P-162-130117 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company Request for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Telecommunications Facility located at 15 Oakdale Avenue, Winchester, Connecticut. Decision.**

Dr. Bell moved to approve this tower sharing request with the following conditions:

- Prior to antenna installation, the modifications identified in the drawings included as Attachment 3 of CL&P's tower share request prepared by American Tower Corporation dated September 21, 2012, and stamped by Raphael Mohamed shall be implemented;
- Within 45 days following completion of the antenna installation, a signed letter from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut shall be submitted to the Council to certify that the recommended modifications have been completed and the structure and foundation do not exceed 100 percent of the post-construction structural rating.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Administrative Matters.**

- **Regular Items**
  - > Upcoming Calendar Events:
    - ❖ Thursday, February 21, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
    - ❖ Thursday, March 7, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain
    - ❖ Thursday, March 14, 2013, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, field review and public hearing for Petition No. 1056 (GRE 314 East Lyme, LLC) at the East Lyme Town Hall, Auditorium, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, Connecticut,
    - ❖ Thursday, March 21, 2013, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain

**Adjournment.**

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robin Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm